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Memorandum for: Director of Security

I am quoting herewith an entry from the Congressional Record of 26 February which is self-explanatory.

"Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: The Subcommittee on Postal Operations met in executive session and considered the problem of the increasing flow of subversive propaganda material of a political nature coming into the United States from sources outside the country. The subcommittee is studying the use of the mails for sending subversive propaganda material originating both within and outside the United States.

"Testimony was furnished by Irving Fishman, deputy collector, Bureau of Customs, New York City; and Everett S. Allen, assistant to the editor, New Bedford (Mass.) Standard Times. They described the type of propaganda material and presented certain suggestions for legislation to exclude this material from the mails. The subcommittee witnessed the showing of the controversial propaganda film on germ warfare. Following the meeting, Subcommittee Chairman St. George stated that this particular film was one of the most insidious pieces of propaganda that her study in this field had developed.

"Representatives of the Departments of State, Justice, and the Post Office met with the subcommittee. Mrs. St. George stated that legislation would be drawn up which would aid in the exclusion of this subversive propaganda material from the mails."

I have also referred this to DD/I for comment. As such legislation might tend to shut off valuable sources of information to CIA, would you please inform me as to whether I should follow these proposals and whether we should attempt to insert something in them which would protect intelligence material.

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